

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Toshikazu NAKAMURA et al. | : | Confirmation No. 1561 |
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| GLYCOSYLATION-DEFICIENT HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR | : | Mail Stop: AMENDMENT |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In further response to the final Office Action dated April 8, 2009, as well as the Advisory Action of August 21, 2009, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.